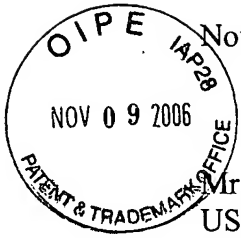


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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Please find enclosed the following drafts for you to review for the purpose of our eventual phone discussion:

- Office Action p. 2, #3: References on separate paper.
- Office Action p. 3, #4: Abstract in a single paragraph
- Office Action p. 3, #5: Claims 1- 3 – properly specify trademark in claims
- Office Action p. 4, #8: Claim 1 – cloning step added
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Thank you for your consideration.

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